GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:470
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DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD DESERT AREAS
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned any scheme for development of backward desert districts of Rajasthan especially Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jalore during the last three years ;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) details of proposals/other schemes submitted by the State Government for seeking financial assistance which are awaiting approval/clearance;

(d) action taken by the Government so far in this regard; and

(e) the time by which allocation of funds is likely to be made after sanctioning of these projects/schemes ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b) Number of Watershed and Special Projects sanctioned under Desert Development Programme (DDP) to the State of Rajasthan during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 were 883, 681 and 509 respectively. Out of which, projects sanctioned in Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jalore during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 were as follows:

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Barmer: (a) Watershed Projects	32	32	27
(b) Special Projects	94	30	34

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Jaisalmer: (a) Watershed Projects	61	68	25
(b) Special Projects	128	68	28

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Jalore : (a) Watershed Projects	12	23	21
(b) Special Projects	35	22	21

(c) to (e): On the basis of the annual budget allocation as well as the performance of a district in the execution of on-going watershed projects, the Union Government decides the number of new projects to be sanctioned to a programme district. Programme allocations of DDP are utilized for meeting the committed expenditure on ongoing watershed projects and sanction of new watershed projects. No specific allocations are made to the States.